

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2020**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Russell, Strickland, Randazzo

Absent: Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco

Committeeman Gary Dorfman joined the meeting

Approval of Minutes for June 1, 2020 moved to August Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Morris opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Adult Programs- Nothing to report

Pop Warner – Registration is currently open but we are not collecting fees yet. Based upon the current timeline for high contact sports, it is anticipated that practices can start in late July. Football will need access to Millstone Park. They will use fields 7,8 or 9 until lights are needed in late September. C/Randazzo asked about the date for the official opening of Millstone Park. C/Morris noted that a date has not been finalized. The ad hoc committee is meeting to discuss the remaining items that have to be installed at the park for the official opening to be established. C/Simels asked Committeeman Dorfman about the status of the park fee ordinance that was proposed by the Recreation Commission. Committeeman Dorfman noted that it is still being reviewed by the Township Committee. There were some questions regarding the fees associated to activities on the hard court surface. The expectation is that any hardcourt surface activity would be available to residents without permits or fees during evening hours. The Township needs to get an understanding of the energy costs associated with using the lights 7 days a week on the hardcourt area.

Flag Football – C/Strickland noted that Millstone flag football is now listed on the USA Flag Website. A discussion ensued regarding the pricing for Pop Warner Flag Cheer since it is currently twice as expensive than Pop Warner Flag Football and both programs have very little expenditures and are tied together. A motion to include Flag Cheer with Flag Football under the same Ordinance Fee which is set at \$100.00 was moved by C/Simels and seconded by C/Morris. Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Russell, Strickland and Randazzo voted in favor of the motion.

C/Strickland noted that he spoke with Hightstown/East Windsor about interleague play and they were willing to move forward if the season is permitted to occur. Millstone will need to have referees for the season and it is expected to have 2 referees per game at a cost of \$25.00 per game per referee. Games will be held on Friday nights to avoid conflict with Hightstown games.

A motion was made by C/Morris to pay for 2 referees per game at a rate of \$25.00 per game per referee for the Flag Football program. C/Simels offered a second. Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Russell, Strickland and Randazzo voted in favor of the motion.

Soccer –C/Simels noted that the recreation Fall season is not open yet. We are waiting to see what other towns are planning since we need them to play competitive games for our older groups. Millstone has a hard time registering enough players for the grades 3 through 8. C/Randazzo asked about the COVID-19 protocols for travel soccer. It seems that some parents need reminders about the protocols and the need to adhere to them. The coaches and team members are being compliant.

MUTS made a request in conjunction with ODP to rent field at Millstone park for 3 weekends in August starting on the 8th. The township will need to move on the permit and fee ordinance in order to address and handle these requests when the park opens.

Field Hockey – Secretary DeFelice noted that a field hockey season will depend on what Lacrosse does. Since there is a significant overlap in participants and Field Hockey barely has enough girls to cover the cost of the program, the season might not happen if Lacrosse has a Fall event.

Basketball – C/Adornetti noted that indoor winter sports might have a late start due to COVID-19 restrictions and access to school gyms. Warriors has not set a tryout date yet. C/Randazzo asked about the summer basketball program. C/Adornetti noted that it was cancelled due to the lack of volunteers and the concerns about meeting COVID-19 protocols with this type of sport

Wrestling – Nothing to report

Lacrosse – Nothing to report

Tennis – Secretary DeFelice noted that tennis has started. There was one family that expressed concern over the adherence to COVID-19 protocols and pulled their children from the program. It was agreed to provide a refund.

Summer Camp- C/Morris noted that summer camp was cancelled for this year due to COVID-19. Jason Miller was looking into some type of late summer sport camp but things were not able to move forward.

Millstone Day –C/Morris noted that the Township Committee has decided to move forward with Millstone Day provided state regulations permit that type of gathering. A financial obligation has been made to Frogbridge. Committeeman Dorfman requested that the Recreation Commission have a table to advertise our programs.

Holiday Lighting – Nothing to report

Memorial Day – Nothing to report

Building and Grounds – C/Morris noted that repairs have been approved to be made to Wagner Farm Park front doors and exterior bathroom doors.

New Business- Training for coaches was discussed. Secretary DeFelice noted that recreation should be providing training to all coaches to be in compliance with NJ “Little League” law. NAYS can provide the training online for a nominal fee and also provide background checks similar to what we currently do through NCIS. Coaches that are brand new and never completed a previous check will still need complete the full hand screen through Sagem Morpho (morphotrak).

Street Hockey Court – Blackbear has offered to sell their street hockey/ futsal rink to the township for \$7500.00. A new rink goes for \$35,000 - \$40,000. The hardcourt surface at MP has a designated space for these sports. The Recreation Commission requested that Secretary DeFelice pursue the purchase of the used court from Blackbear.

C/Morris motioned to adjourn at 9:15pm. C/Adornetti offered a second.